

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following to the specification before the first paragraph of the specification:

**-- Claim for Foreign Priority**

This application claims priority to Japanese patent application 2003-112655 filed on April 17, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

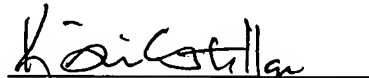
**REMARKS**

As indicated in the Information Sheet filed herewith, at least the following papers will all be timely submitted in this application: an executed Declaration, the filing fee and an English language translation of the specification. Upon the submission of these papers, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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